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ATMOSPHERICS: ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ACTIVITY IN AUSTRALIA (MISLEADING THE GOA, MANIPULATING THE TRADE UNIONS, INFLUENCING DOMESTIC POLITICAL AFFAIRS) FILLED THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE AIRWAVES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. MARCHETTI AND AGEE BOTH APPEARED ON NATION-WIDE TV INTERVIEWS, NAMES OF ALLEGED CIA AGENTS IN AUSTRALIA WERE NAMED, AND STATEMENTS ON THE MATTER MADE BY BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE OPPOSITION LEADER. THE SHEER VOLUME OF FRONT-PAGE COLUMN INCHES IN THE PRESS IS ALMOST UNBLEIEVABLE. THE TABLOID SYDNEY 'SUN' HAS FRONT PAGED THE STORY FOR A WEEK, AND ON MAY 17 AND 18, IT MADE THE FRONT PAGE OF EVERY MAJORE METROPOLITAN DAILY, WITH ADDITIONAL REPORTAGE INSIDE. MOST ITEMS WERE BY-LINE SPECULATIVE PIECES, WITH PAPERS VYING WITH EACH OTHER FOR SENSATIONAL HEAD-LINES FOLLOWED BY AN ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CHARGES BEING MADE. PERHAPS THE LOW POINT IN A WEEK OF
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LOW POINTS IN LOCAL JOURNALISTIC RESPONSIBILITY WAS THE 'SUN'S' FRONT PAGE STORY ON MAY 17 LISTING FIVE PRESENT OR FORMER EMBASSY OFFICERS AS "SPIES", IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THIS PARAGRAPH: "AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN ATHENS WAS MUR-DERED IN 1975 AFTER OTHER REBEL CIA AGENTS NAMED HIM AS AN AGENCY CHIEF".

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PROGRAM: USIS CANBERRA MADE GOOD USE OF SOME 15 VTR'S ON MUSIC IN AMERICA AT THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION, ATTENDED BY OVER 600 DELEGATES. VIDEO PROGRAMS WERE SCREENED TWICE DAILY AND VIEWED BY OVER ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE INCLUDING PRIMARY TO TERTIARY LEVEL TEACHERS, ACADEMICS, PERFORMERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MUSIC PROFESSIONS. GUNTHER SCHULLER TAPES "CHANGING MUSIC" WHICH ARRIVED AT ELEVENTH HOUR, WERE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED AND SPARKED OFF STIMULATING DISCUSSION SESSIONS FOLLOWING SHOWINGS.
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